

## REMARKS

The drawings have been amended as requested. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is requested.


Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 6 and 9. Claims 3, 6 and 9 have been re-written in independent form, and claims 1-2, 4-5, and 7-8 have been canceled.

Claims 10-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 on the basis of Zook, et al. '920. Claim 10 has been canceled, and claim 11 has been re-written in independent form. The substance of claim 11 is similar to the allowable subject matter found with respect to claims 3, 6 and 9 on page 4 of the Office Action. For this reason, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,  
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In the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheets include changes to Figs. 6-12. The annotated and replacement sheets are enclosed and replace the originally filed sheets.

FIG. 6

PRIOR ART

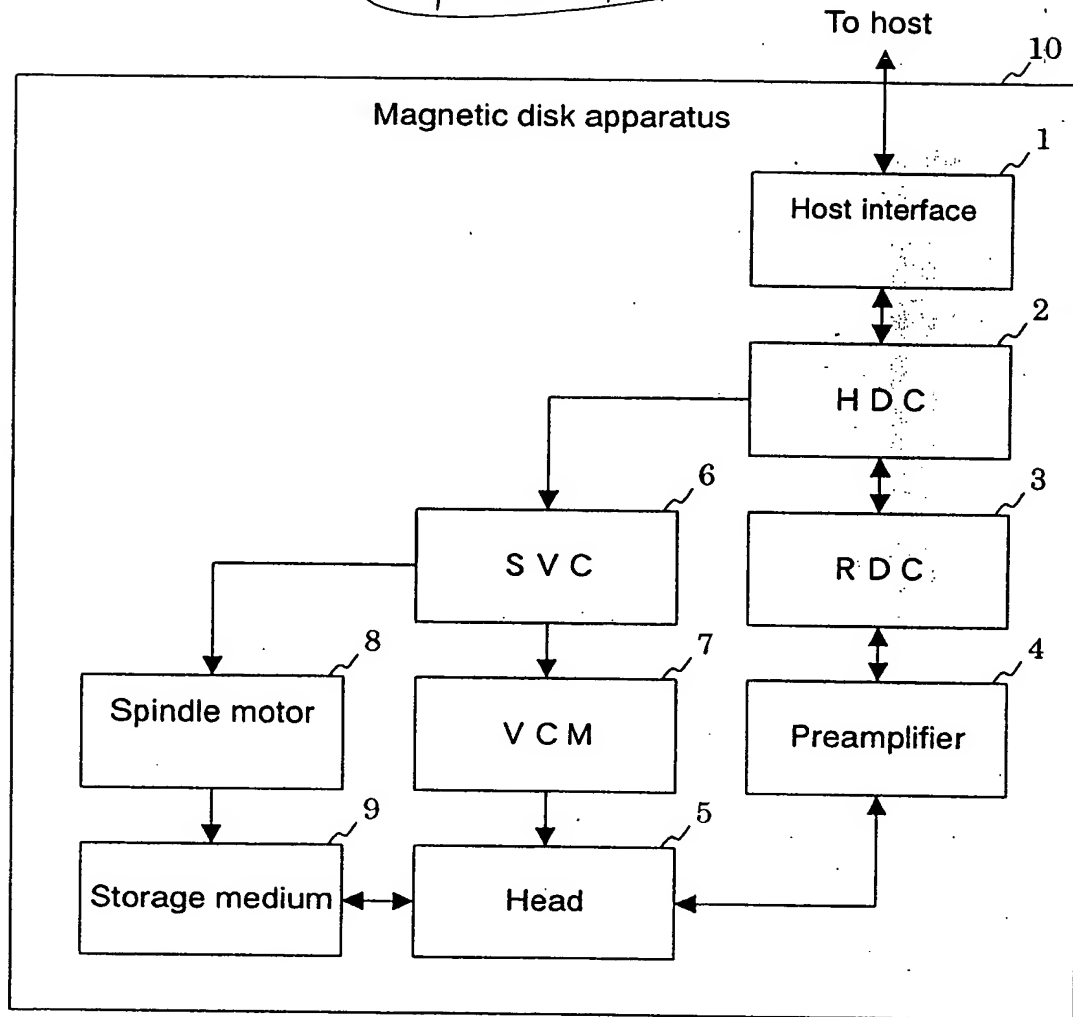


FIG.7

PRIOR ART

Circumferential direction

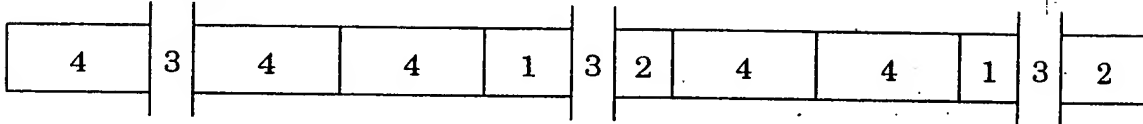


FIG.8

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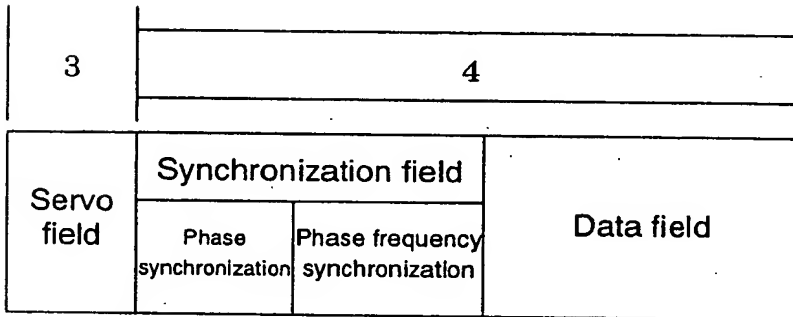


FIG.9

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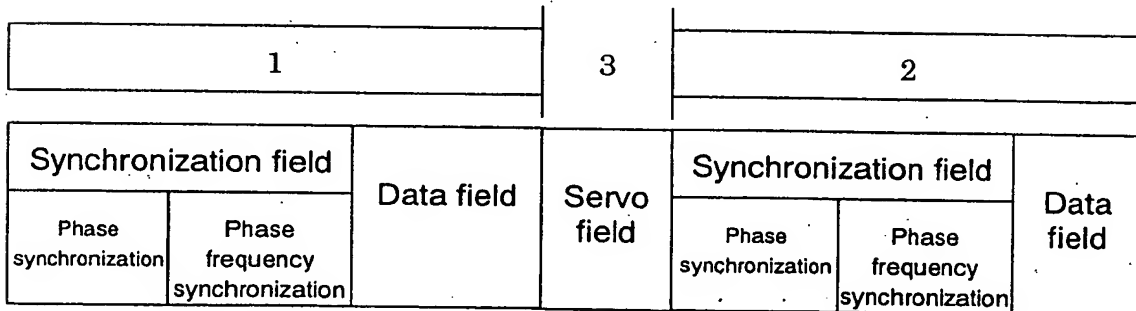


FIG.10

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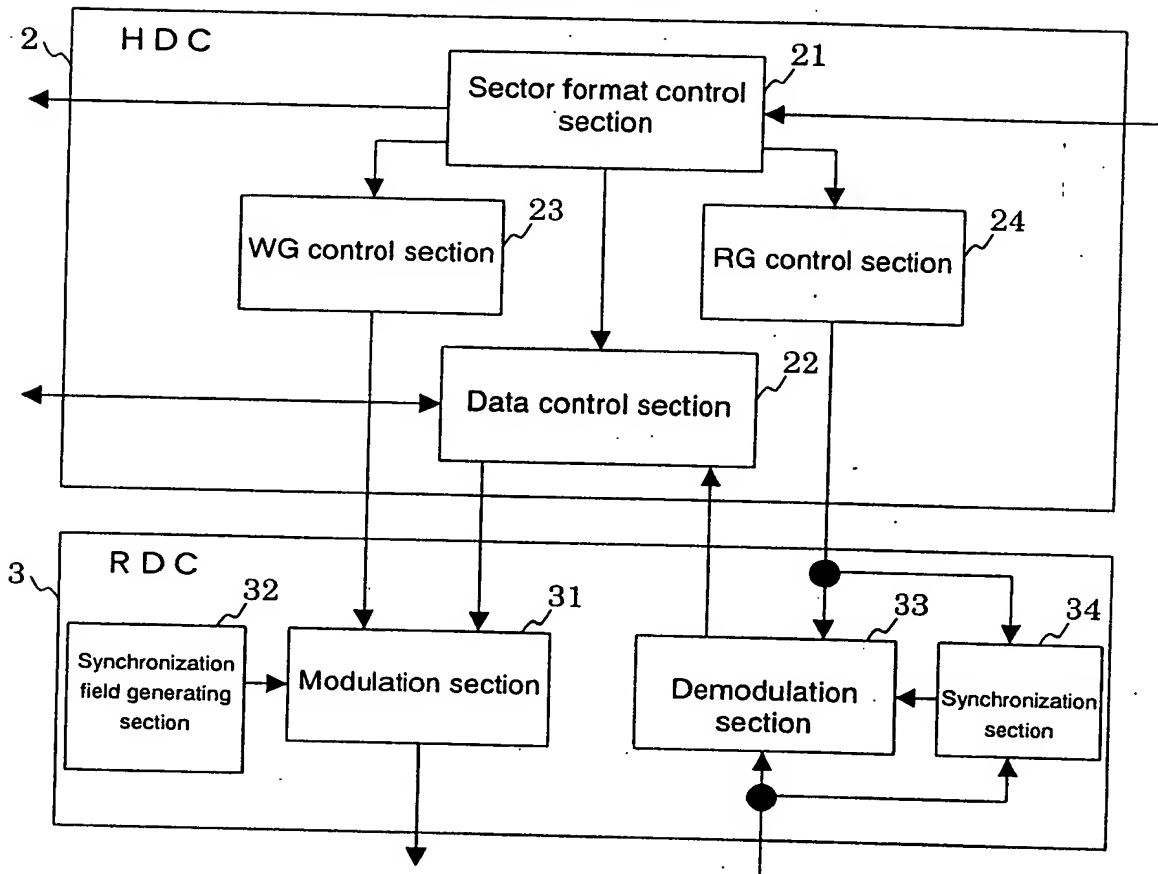


FIG.11

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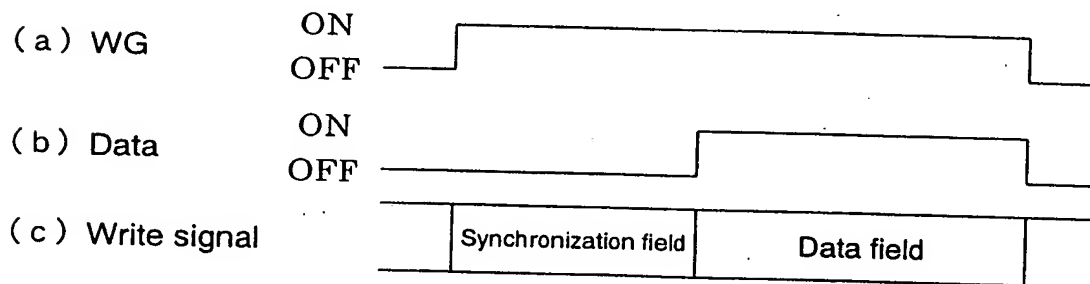


FIG.12

PRIOR ART

